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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy to the DCI for the Intelligence Community

SUBJECT : Washington Area Imagery Transmission System

REFERENCE :

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Sam:

1. I was somewhat surprised to receive reference commission from the Director regarding the establishment of a project office for designing, procuring, testing, and installing an imagery dissemination network within the Washington based Intelligence Community. The shock stemmed from the statement that "some initial funding will be required from FY 75 resources and that the remainder will have to come through programming of FY 76 funds", total of about Nowhere is there a citation of the source of funds, and in querying the Office of Communications, they indicated that they had noted that funds were not available in the Office of Communications. In pursuing this further with the Comptroller's office, I find that they have no knowledge of the requirement. We thus come to a grinding halt before we get started since there are no funds in this Directorate to entertain such an undertaking. I therefore refer this matter to you in hopes that you can juggle the right trees to provide the wherewithal to execute the program.

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2. As a matter for future form and procedure, I would appreciate the opportunity to chop on such proposals before they reach the Director's approval stage. I feel that the Agency is now placed in a very difficult position of having accepted a responsibility in behalf of the Community without the concurrence of the Directorate involved.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: IC Registry

SUBJECT: Imagery Dissemination in
the Washington Area

1. Attached is a copy of a letter from Dr. Hall, ASD(I), to Mr. Colby re Imagery Dissemination in the Washington area. This responds to the DCI letter to Hall of 3 April, which stated Mr. Colby's belief that we need and should proceed with an interim system of secure voice and facsimile involving a limited number of stations as an initial test network.

2. The 3 April 1975 letter instructed the D/DCI/IC to coordinate action leading to the implementation of this concept. The latter has instructed Chairman, IHC to take follow-up action.

3. The attached letter will complete your files on this subject to date. All prior correspondence has been sent to you earlier this week. We will continue to keep you informed.

Chairman, IHC

Attachment

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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20505

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Intelligence Community Staff

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16 APR 1975

Lieutenant General Daniel O. Graham, USA
Director, Defense Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C. 20301

Dear Danny:

Attached is a copy of a letter which Bill signed out to Al Hall last Friday expressing his intention to proceed with an interim limited initial test network along the lines of the LASERFAX system.

I am giving action on this to [Redacted] of the IHC, and I expect that the IHC will be asking for representatives to form a Working Group in the very near future to work out the details. Bill has given the job of Project Management to the CIA Office of Communications under the guidance of the IHC Working Group. We will keep you advised as this develops directly, until you have your own representative functioning.

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Sincerely,

[Redacted Signature]

Samuel V. Wilson
Lieutenant General, USA
Deputy to the DCI for the
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